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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicant : Donald J. Merkley et al.
App. No : 09/970,389
Filed : October 2, 2001
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REDUCING IMPURITIES IN
CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR
MANUFACTURE OF FIBER
REINFORCED CEMENT COMPOSITE
MATERIALS
Examiner : Mark Halpern
Art Unit : 1731

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January 13, 2006

(Date)

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1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

- (X) Enclosed:
(X) Amendment/Reply in 8 pages.
(X) Return Postcard.

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FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee		1801 (\$790)		\$790
Suspension of Action		1463 (\$130)		\$0
Total Claims	24 - 67 = 0	1202 (\$50)	0 x 50 =	\$0
Independent Claims	2 - 6 = 0	1201 (\$200)	0 x 200 =	\$0
Multiple Claim		1203 (\$360)		\$0
1 Month Extension		1251 (\$120)		\$120
			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$910

(X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.

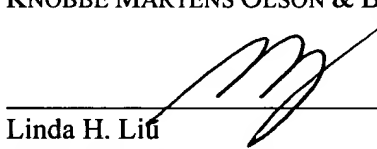
3. Payment:

(X) Check in the amount of \$910 to cover the above fees.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: January 13, 2006


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